

## Vegetable Summary

Wisconsin remained in second place in the nation for total production and value of production and third place for harvested acreage for the major processing vegetables in 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Vegetables report. California remained the number one state in all three categories and accounted for 71 percent of the total production of these vegetables.

Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in production of processing snap beans. The state processed 45 percent of the nation's crop, with 298,570 tons in 2013. Harvested acres were down from 70,700 acres in 2012 to 59,800 acres in 2013. Nationally, snap bean production fell 11 percent due to a sharp drop in acres harvested.

Wisconsin remained in third place for processing sweet corn in 2013, producing 583,960 tons. Harvested acres decreased by 6,700 to 66,500 acres. U.S. processing sweet corn production was down 13 percent to 2.55 million tons.

Green pea production in Wisconsin in 2013 totaled 75,550 tons, up 14 percent from the previous year. Despite the increase in production, Wisconsin remained the third largest green pea processing state in the nation. Processing pea production in the U.S. fell 10 percent to 356,050 tons primarily due to a 21 percent drop in production in Minnesota.

Wisconsin's cucumbers for pickle production jumped 27 percent in 2013. Harvested acreage rose by 600, and yields were up 14 percent. U.S. production, at 473,140 tons, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Wisconsin moved from first into second place in the nation for carrots for processing production. This was due to a 35 percent increase in harvested acres in Washington, the state with the

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largest processing carrot production in 2013. Wisconsin had 100 fewer acres harvested, but yields were up 1 percent for total production of 116,850 tons, 33 percent of the nation's production. Nationally, carrot production was up 9 percent to 349,950 tons.

Production for onions and fresh market cabbage rose in Wisconsin in 2013, while fresh market sweet corn production fell slightly. Sweet corn for fresh market harvested acreage decreased to 5,600 acres, while yields rose 9 percent to 101 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre. As a result, production was down less than 1 percent. Fresh market cabbage production rose 16 percent, while harvested acreage increased by 100 to 3,100 acres. Cabbage yields rose from 250 cwt. per acre in 2012 to 280 cwt. in 2013. Onion production jumped 45 percent, from 558,000 cwt. in 2012 to 810,000 cwt. in 2013. Harvested acreage was unchanged, but yields rose 45 percent.

### VEGETABLES: Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 2013

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Value			
									Per Ton		Total	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
<b>Wisconsin</b> Carrots Cucumbers Green peas Sweet corn Snap beans	Acres				Tons		Tons		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
	<b>Processing Vegetables</b>											
	4,300	4,200	4,200	4,100	28.31	28.50	118,900	116,850	87.10	106.00	10,356	12,362
	5,600	6,000	5,300	5,900	5.70	6.51	30,210	38,410	259	288	7,824	11,062
	39,500	37,800	37,300	36,000	1.78	2.10	66,300	75,550	461	521	30,566	39,360
	75,300	70,800	73,200	66,500	8.01	8.78	586,340	583,960	114	150	67,014	87,569
	74,000	65,500	70,700	59,800	4.50	4.99	317,980	298,570	242	340	76,944	101,452
<b>US</b> Carrots Cucumbers Green peas Sweet corn Snap beans	12,740	13,750	12,410	13,310	25.96	26.29	322,150	349,950	103.00	112.00	33,228	39,148
	86,960	85,800	84,560	82,100	5.68	5.76	480,060	473,140	342	313	164,151	148,101
	200,100	187,880	190,500	178,300	2.07	2.00	395,250	356,050	427	427	168,658	151,928
	365,150	328,800	358,780	314,950	8.21	8.10	2,946,290	2,551,830	127	140	373,103	357,804
	181,675	161,170	171,555	149,770	4.36	4.45	748,430	666,780	271	320	203,035	213,250
	Acres				Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars per cwt.		1,000 dollars	
	<b>Fresh Market Vegetables</b>											
<b>Wisconsin</b> Cabbage Onions <sup>1</sup> Sweet corn	3,100	3,200	3,000	3,100	250	280	750	868	15.00	16.40	11,250	14,235
	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	310	450	558	810	13.40	16.40	6,499	12,480
	7,200	6,100	6,100	5,600	93	101	567	566	25.60	29.60	14,515	16,754
<b>US</b> Cabbage Onions <sup>1</sup> Sweet corn	68,900	63,100	63,700	60,180	352	367	22,415	22,065	18.50	20.00	408,195	442,205
	126,050	120,540	123,350	115,740	526	522	64,878	60,445	11.30	12.10	554,708	718,001
	259,900	255,100	240,750	238,580	129	125	31,094	29,880	26.20	28.20	814,863	842,337

1. Summer onions only. Source: USDA, NASS

## Wisconsin Corn and Soybean Stocks Down from 2013

### Wisconsin

Wisconsin corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 221 million bushels, down 3 percent from March 1, 2013, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Grain Stocks report. Of the total stocks, 57 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2013 - February 2014 indicated disappearance totaled 118 million bushels, 11 percent more than the 106 million bushels used during the same period last year.

Wisconsin soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 19.6 million bushels, down 25 percent from the 26.3 million bushels on hand March 1, 2013. Of the total stocks, 33 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for December 2013 - February 2014 is 28.7 million bushels, 8 percent more than the 26.7 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

Wisconsin oats stocks stored in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 4.60 million bushels, 38 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2013. Of the total stocks, 59 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2013 - February 2014 indicated disappearance is 2.36 million bushels, down 29 percent from the 3.32 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

### United States

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 7.01 billion bushels, up 30 percent from March 1, 2013. Of the total stocks, 3.86 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 45 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.15 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The December 2013 - February 2014 indicated disappearance is 3.45 billion bushels, compared with 2.63 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 992 million bushels, down 1 percent from March 1, 2013. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 382 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2014 totaled 1.06 billion bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 238 million bushels, up slightly from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 818 million bushels, are down 18 percent from a year ago. The December 2013 - February 2014 indicated disappearance is 419 million bushels, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Grain Stocks by Position, March 1,

Position and Grain	Wisconsin		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
(1,000 Bushels)				
<b>On-Farm Stocks</b>				
Barley	(D)	(D)	35,180	43,830
Corn	120,000	125,000	2,669,200	3,860,500
Soybeans	11,000	6,500	456,700	381,900
Oats	1,900	2,700	18,900	19,800
Wheat	(D)	(D)	236,970	237,530
<b>Off-Farm Stocks <sup>1</sup></b>				
Barley	(D)	980	81,897	77,681
Corn	107,356	96,150	2,730,726	3,145,432
Soybeans	15,305	13,122	541,320	610,425
Oats	5,496	1,895	33,726	15,331
Wheat	39,665	20,172	997,860	818,001
<b>Total Stocks</b>				
Barley	(D)	(D)	117,077	121,511
Corn	227,356	221,150	5,399,926	7,005,932
Soybeans	26,305	19,622	998,020	992,325
Oats	7,396	4,595	52,626	35,131
Wheat	(D)	(D)	1,234,830	1,055,531

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

## Strawberries

Wisconsin strawberry production totaled 33,000 hundred-weight (cwt.) in 2013, up from 31,000 cwt. in 2012, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Vegetables* report. Farmers in the state harvested 600 acres, down from 610 acres last year. Average yield per acre, at 55 cwt., was up from 51 cwt. in 2012. The overall average price per pound rose from \$1.51 last year to \$1.65 this year.

Nationally, 58,190 acres of strawberries were harvested in 2013 for a total production of 30.0 million cwt., with an average yield per acre of 516 cwt. The average U.S. price per pound was 84.7 cents. California had the highest yield per acre, at 665 cwt., and Pennsylvania had the highest overall average price per pound, at \$2.23.

### Strawberries: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Selected States, 2013

State	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	Price per cwt.	Value of production
	Acres		Cwt.	1,000 cwt.	Dollars	1,000 dollars
WI	700	600	55	33	165.00	5,445
CA	41,500	41,500	665	27,573	79.80	2,200,729
FL	8,500	8,500	220	1,870	143.00	267,410
MI	850	750	59	44	161.00	7,095
NY	1,600	1,400	27	38	203.00	7,729
NC	1,200	1,100	100	110	148.00	16,280
OH	660	590	49	29	209.00	6,061
OR	2,000	1,700	98	167	63.70	10,634
PA	1,000	950	54	51	223.00	11,373
WA	1,300	1,100	79	87	106.00	9,226
U.S.	59,310	58,190	516	30,002	84.70	2,541,982

Source: USDA, NASS

## 2014 Crop Planting Intentions

### Wisconsin

The annual Prospective Plantings report published by USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from approximately 1,500 Wisconsin producers. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 4.10 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2014, unchanged from 2013 according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Prospective Plantings report.

Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 1.75 million acres of soybeans, an 11 percent increase from 2013. If realized, this will be Wisconsin's highest soybean planted acreage on record.

Wisconsin winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 290,000 acres, a drop of 8 percent from 2013. Oat producers in Wisconsin intend to plant 260,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2013. Planting intentions of Wisconsin barley farmers for 2014 remain unchanged from 2013 at 33,000 acres.

Wisconsin farmers intend to harvest 1.60 million acres of dry hay in 2014, the same as in 2013.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 6,200 acres of dry, edible beans, up 800 acres from 2013.

### United States

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2014 is estimated at 91.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010; however, this will represent the fifth largest corn acreage in the United States since 1944.

Soybean planted area for 2014 is estimated at a record high 81.5 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged across all States with the exception of Missouri and Oklahoma.

### Planted Acreage, 2012, 2013, and Prospective March 1, 2014

Crop	2012	2013	Indicated 2014	Change 2014/13
	Thousand acres			Percent
WISCONSIN				
Barley	33	33	33	n.c.
Corn, all	4,350	4,100	4,100	n.c.
Dry Beans	5.2	5.4	6.2	+15
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	1,450	1,600	1,600	n.c.
Oats	220	255	260	+2
Soybeans	1,710	1,580	1,750	+11
Wheat, Winter	265	315	290	-8
U.S.				
Barley	3,637	3,480	3,165	-9
Corn, all	97,155	95,365	91,691	-4
Dry Beans	1,742.5	1,354.7	1,686.0	+24
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	56,260	58,257	58,267	n.c.
Oats	2,760	3,010	2,794	-7
Soybeans	77,198	76,533	81,493	+6
Wheat, Winter	41,224	43,090	42,007	-3

1/Area harvested. Source: USDA, NASS

## Prices Received by Farmers

The preliminary March 2014 average price received by farmers for corn in Wisconsin is \$4.50 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up \$0.20 from the February full month price but \$2.56 less than March 2013.

The preliminary March soybean price, at \$13.40 per bushel, was up \$0.20 from February but down \$1.00 from the previous March. The preliminary March oat price was \$4.35 per bushel, down \$0.26 from the February price and a decrease of \$0.24 from March 2013.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$176.00 per ton in March, down \$7.00 from February and \$61.00 less than March 2013. Alfalfa hay prices averaged \$190.00 per ton in March, down \$5.00 from February and down \$65.00 from the previous March. Other hay prices averaged \$128.00, a decrease of \$1.00 from February and a decrease of \$47.00 from last year.

The preliminary March average price was \$26.10 per cwt for milk, up \$0.40 from February and up \$6.70 from a year ago.

### Prices Received by Farmers

<b>WISCONSIN</b>	March 2013	February 2014	March <sup>1</sup> 2014
	Dollars		
Corn ..... Bu	7.06	4.30	4.50
Soybeans ..... Bu	14.40	13.20	13.40
Oats ..... Bu	4.59	4.61	4.35
Potatoes, all ..... Cwt	10.20	10.00	(D)
Fresh ..... Cwt	6.65	11.70	(D)
Processing ..... Cwt	12.10	8.30	(D)
Alfalfa hay, baled ..... Ton	255.00	195.00	190.00
Other hay, baled ..... Ton	175.00	129.00	128.00
Milk, all ..... Cwt	19.40	25.70	26.10
Milk cows <sup>2</sup> ..... Hd	NA	NA	NA
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	March 2013	February 2014	March <sup>1</sup> 2014
	Dollars		
Corn ..... Bu	7.13	4.35	4.54
Soybeans ..... Bu	14.60	13.20	13.60
Oats ..... Bu	4.20	3.77	3.97
Potatoes, all ..... Cwt	8.72	9.28	9.47
Fresh ..... Cwt	7.31	9.27	(D)
Processing ..... Cwt	8.84	9.03	(D)
Alfalfa hay, baled ..... Ton	219.00	188.00	191.00
Other hay, baled ..... Ton	152.00	129.00	137.00
Milk, all ..... Cwt	19.10	24.90	25.40
Milk cows ..... Hd	NA	NA	NA
Steers & Heifers ..... Cwt	127.00	145.00	149.00
Cows ..... Cwt	83.80	95.40	99.90
Calves ..... Cwt	163.00	209.00	216.00
Hogs, all ..... Cwt	59.20	65.50	75.90
Spring Wheat ..... Bu	7.95	6.40	6.74
Winter Wheat, all ..... Bu	7.63	6.57	7.03
Barley, all ..... Bu	6.49	5.90	5.97
Dry Edible Beans ..... Cwt	37.60	38.80	39.90
Apples, fresh Use ..... Lb	0.404	NA	NA

(NA) Not Available <sup>1</sup> Preliminary <sup>2</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October.

## February Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$25.70 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in February 2014 according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Agricultural Prices report. The February milk price is the highest price on record for Wisconsin. The March 2014 price is expected to rise 40 cents to \$26.10 per cwt., which, if achieved, will break another record.

The expected U.S. milk price for March is \$25.40 per cwt., 70 cents lower than Wisconsin's price, but 50 cents higher than the February U.S. price. The February price set a record for the highest U.S. milk price, and, if realized, the March price would set another record high. All of the major milk producing states except Idaho are expecting an increase in price. Idaho, at \$23.90, is anticipating no change from February to March.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$2.3850 per pound on March 28, while barrels were \$2.2900 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.0000 per pound.

For the week ending March 22, 2014, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$2.2650 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$2.2806 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.8506 per pound.

**Milk Prices 1/**

Selected states	March 2013		February 2014		March 2014 1/	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
<b>WI</b>	<b>19.40</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>25.70</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>26.10</b>	<b>3.82</b>
CA	17.51	3.74	23.13	3.76	24.00	3.72
ID	18.30	3.80	23.90	3.84	23.90	3.81
MI	19.70	3.78	24.90	3.79	25.40	3.76
MN	19.50	3.93	26.10	3.95	26.40	3.92
NM	17.80	3.62	23.80	3.58	24.60	3.54
NY	20.40	3.78	25.70	3.86	26.10	3.82
PA	20.70	3.79	25.90	3.85	26.50	3.80
TX	19.40	3.87	26.00	3.91	26.70	3.83
US	19.10	3.79	24.90	3.81	25.40	3.77

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.

Source: USDA, NASS



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